



US Army Corps®
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PUBLIC NOTICE
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REPORT
WILLAMETTE TEMPERATURE CONTROL PROJECT
COUGAR DAM & RESERVOIR
LANE COUNTY, OREGON

CENWP-PM-E-03-01
Issue Date: January 30, 2003
Expiration Date: February 28, 2003

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, proposes changes in reservoir management during construction of the Willamette River Temperature Control project at Cougar Dam and Reservoir. This action is in response to unexpected turbidity from a late spring drawdown of the reservoir for construction of temperature control facilities in 2002. The Corps has prepared a draft Supplemental Information Report (SIR) detailing last year's events and analyzing their effects. In response to last year's turbidity, the Corps has operated the project by maintaining the residual pool at a constant 1,400 foot elevation as much as possible. The Corps proposes maintaining the 1,400 elevation pool for the remaining two construction years. The SIR is available for agency and public review. An amendment to the 1999 Environmental Assessment accompanies the SIR. The SIR is available for review at <http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/issues/wrtcp/>. Public libraries in the Eugene/Springfield area, and the Blue River Ranger District Office will be provided a paper copy of the SIR/EA and accompanying CD- ROM.

Environmental Documents: A draft Environmental Assessment amendment addressing the impacts associated with the activity has been prepared and is enclosed for public review. It is also available for review at <http://www.nwp.usace.army.mil/issues/wrtcp/>.

State Water Quality Certification: State Water Quality Certification, pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, is not required since the Willamette Temperature Control project was authorized with a Section 404(r) exemption. No additional fill is proposed.

Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972: The project is outside the Coastal Zone.

Additional Information and Comments: Questions or comments regarding the environmental document should be directed to Lynne Hamilton, telephone (503) 808-4772 (lynne.d.hamilton@usace.army.mil), or at the address below. Comments or questions regarding the SIR should be directed to George Miller, telephone (503) 808-4704 (george.j.miller@usace.army.mil). Comments on this notice must be mailed by the closing date to:

District Engineer
U.S. Army Corps of Engineer District, Portland
Attn: CENWP-PM-E
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In your response, please refer to the above public notice number, title and date. If a paper copy or CD-ROM of the draft SIR and/or environmental assessment is required, please request one by calling (503) 808-4761, or by contacting the above named persons.